49. Desirability of Government giving up their right over royal trees standing on private lands.

Mr Varkey Oothuppu (Ettumanur) said that, as full tax was realized by Government for all property in the enjoyment of ryots, the latter should be left to derive the full benefit of all the trees standing on their holdings. The land-owners were thus entitled to get the whole value of royal trees but they would consider it a relief even if half their value were given to them, the remaining half alone being taken by the Sirkar. Teak trees were very often destroyed by proprietors and this resulted in loss both to them and the Government but, if the concession prayed for could be granted, the ryots themselves would in many cases undertake to maintain teak plantations for the Government.

Mr. Kumara Menon (T. I. C., Kottayam) and Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer and *Mr. Sattanathan Karayalan (Shencottah)* also spoke in support.

Reply.—The rights over royal trees growing on private lands are vested in Government. Three-fourths of the value of these trees are now recovered by Government and one-fourth allowed to the land-owner. Teak is a royalty and cannot be grown by the proprietor. The one-fourth that is now given to the ryot is deemed sufficient compensation for his interest in the land.

50. Deduction on account of rocks, &c., in the registry of cherikal lands.

Mr. Dominic Thomman (Agricultural Association, Changanachery) represented that in the assessment of cherikal lands due reduction should be made when rocks and other uncultivable portions are found to exist.

Reply.—This suggestion will also be considered in connection with cherikal settlement.

51. Restoration of lanes and irrigation channels by the owners of adjacent compounds and paddy fields.

Mr. N. Govinda Pillai (Kunnattur) invited the attention of Government to the necessity of directing the owners of wet and garden lands to maintain all adjoining irrigation channels and pathways in their original condition and submitted that the matter received little attention from revenue officers at present.

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Reply.—This is closely connected with one of the subjects brought up yesterday *viz.*, the registry of tank-bunds and river-banks, now treated as poramboke, in the names of adjacent land-owners. Recently, while I was passing from Aykudi to Shencottah, I observed several cases of encroachments on the public road. Instructions have been issued to the officers concerned to attend to them. In connection with the question of what additional work may be assigned to prover-tikars to whom considerable relief has been now afforded by the abolition of tax-payment in kind, the Chief Engineer has suggested the desir-ability of asking them to see to such encroachments also. Special attention is being paid to this matter and definite orders will issue.

52. Encroachments of European planters on cherikals.

Mr. K. G. Raghava Menon (*Changanachery*) said that encroach-ments on cherikal lands by European planters were matters of daily occurrence and yet very little attention was paid to them by the Revenue and Public Works departments.

Reply.—The encroachments complained of, if they relate to registered holdings, have to be settled between the owner of the lands and the alleged trespassers, and Government cannot of their own accord interfere in such cases. But where the dispute is of a general character or affects well-defined boundaries, it will be duly considered when brought to notice.

53. Modification of the rules regarding the registry of lake and karakadu porambokes.

Mr. A. Harihara Iyer (*Chirayinkil*) represented that under the present rules it was not easy for any person to get any lake or karakadu poramboke registered in his name and prayed that these rules might be so modified as to minimize delay and ensure registry in as many cases as possible.

Reply.—Delay will be taken notice of, when individual represent-ations are made. As for modifying the rules, registries are now made in cases where the porambokes are not required for Govern-ment purposes after due notification in the Gazette, and no alteration of this rule seems called for.

54. That only small margins of land adjoining lakes, canals, &c., should be left as poramboke.

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